

many, of his symptoms to involve nervous action,
as I reasonably can. I have written a daily journal
for Caroline in which I have endeavored to tell
her every particular as accurately as ⁱⁿ my power,
& hence I shall not be surprised at her return
to America this autumn. You may imagine after
an absence of four years / I can hardly believe it
so long, & yet it seems like eternally sometimes
what her return will be to us, irrespective of
my brother's state, but when I consider that I can
hardly wait & do feel intensely thankful that I
live in an age of ocean steamers.

It is too a source of the greatest consolation that
my brother is at home. It was so dreadful last
summer to be at a hired house on Staten Island
only intended for the comfort of two or three
healthy occupants; that I can never forget how
anxious I was when once or twice desire so over
exerted herself that I thought she would be very
ill too with no possible accommodation, & my
mother 500 miles away. When occupied with one guest
can it is much to be spared all collateral anxiety.

I received from Mr May some time since, your
"Statement respecting the American Abolitionists &c" & can
only marvel at the extent & accuracy of your researches.

I am only going to finish France with you & R.D.B.
is one point. Why do you allow that Dr Dewey said
he would send back his brother, or son, or somebody.

It was no such thing. He said his mother, not
finding there ever his father were a little nervous
think he told, as I believe a damn right lie. I
think thus because the Rev Mr Sherrill, the
Unitarian minister of Lynn, declared in some
Unitarian conference that he was ready to say
on his oath that he heard him use those
exact expressions. James Buffum of Lynn says he
heard him say it & it was so reported in the
newspapers at the time. Your book must do great
good. There were some things in it quite new to
me. Mr M. also sent me sundry little slips
bearing the name of the B. & C. Ladies Socy & a
statement in pencil on one of the slips that
your new paper was to commence Aug 1st, an aus-
picious date. We are very eager to see it. Are you
its Editor under some ingenious nom de guerre?
The Cause here is in a very interesting crisis just
now, the Presidential Election stirring up every
body into a sort of spasmodic excitement as to every
subject that affects the issue, & of course, nothing
does this so vitally as the Slavery question.

I see that Dr Putnam of Roxbury & Mr Hall
of Dorchester have gone to C. Butler. I wish the
fruit may be short one of all the Unitarian pulpits
but I hardly except it as he is one of the most
accomplished of the sect here, but I believe some
private fortune, a very wealthy congregation

much in love with him & will therefore I suppose
have all sorts of long letters & introductions & will
in course be considered a credit to the denomination.
He is as bad as Gannett himself, or nearly so, but
I cannot tell exactly what he has done. His whole
life & conversation is in opposition to freedom. I
believe C. has some personal acquaintance with
him. Mr. Hall is looking for him, certainly.
I do not know him at face but he has pushed
against the Fugitive Slave Law & is happy to have
one - Boston F. A. S. Socy send him a copy of the
Liberator. What is Mr. Weston saying & doing
among you. You know he is E. L.'s brother in law
but very unlike in most respects I fancy. There
is no personal resemblance certainly. I say this
because Mr. W. is so very plain a man.

I gather from some Paris letter that Miss Fiske is
going to be married. Pray tell me about it.
From seeing her letters I quite feel as if I knew her.
I have one request my dear friend that I trust you
will comply with. Do write something on your
own name for the next Bell. I mention it thus
early that you may be sure to do it before the time
presses.

When my dear friend, Mr. Every returns from the
Continent, I trust he will come to Bristol for I am sure
you should know him. He is one of the ^{most} ~~premiere~~ real
straight forward people I ever met. Our tastes & opinions
both as respects religion & literature are very diverse
but we agree to differ & are very fond of each other.
Give my love to Mr. Estlin & Mrs. Mitchell, & take
a little time even from the Cause to write to your very
affectionate Anne Weston.